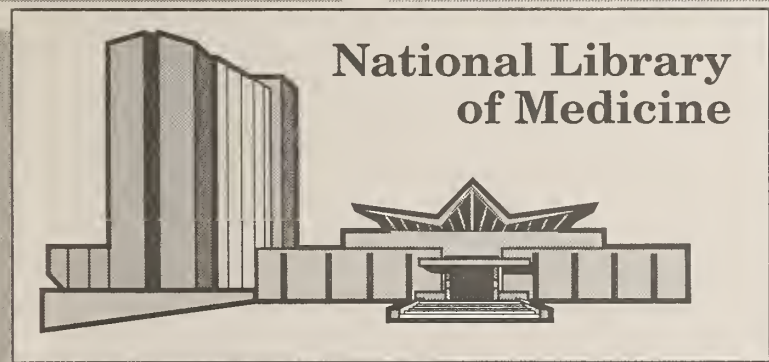


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INTRODUCTION

There are consistent, well-documented differences in breast cancer incidence and mortality among racial/ethnic groups in the United States that may have significant implications for the prevention and treatment of breast cancer. For example, white women have the highest overall incidence of breast cancer, followed by Native Hawaiian, African American, Asian, Hispanic, and American Indian women. However, among women under age 45, African American women have a higher incidence of breast cancer than white women. Mortality and survival rates also vary widely among racial/ethnic groups. For example, the mortality rate is higher for African American women followed by white and Native American women. Lower mortality rates are observed among Asians and Alaskan Natives. African American women also have a significantly lower 5-year survival rate than white women. The study of multicultural aspects of breast cancer etiology is important in identifying factors that may contribute to the variation in breast cancer morbidity in certain racial/ethnic populations, thus making such information available for prevention efforts, and in identifying steps that could be taken to improve survival rates for patients in groups with high mortality rates.

This bibliography is one of three documents prepared in support of the Workshop on Multicultural Aspects of Breast Cancer Etiology, convened by the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer's Etiology Working Group on March 17 through 19, 1999 in Washington, D.C. The workshop brought together individuals from varied disciplines, including members of the breast cancer research and minority health advocacy communities, to examine the current state of knowledge concerning multicultural aspects of breast cancer etiology, to explore limitations of and gaps in current research activities, and to identify and prioritize future research directions.

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